



New England Fishery Management Council

COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE

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Mourning the Loss of *F/V Lily Jean*

The New England Fishery Management Council extends our sincere condolences to the families, loved ones, and fishing communities affected by the tragic sinking of the *F/V Lily Jean* on Friday, January 30, 2026. This loss is deeply felt across New England and serves as a solemn reminder of the risks fishermen face every time they leave port. New England's deep pride in serving as home to the oldest fishing port in the nation, Gloucester, Massachusetts, comes with tremendous sadness for the loss of those onboard, their families and friends, and the entire fishing community.

We deeply mourn the lives of those lost:

- Captain Accursio "Gus" Sanfillipo
- Paul Beal Sr.
- Paul Beal Jr.
- John Rousanidis
- Freeman Short
- Sean Therrien
- Jada Samitt



SUPPORT

The Council has been informed that the Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund has established a donation site through Cape Ann Savings Bank to collect donations that will be distributed equally to the family members of those onboard the *F/V Lily Jean*.

For more information, please see: <https://fvlilyjeanfund.org/>

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